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WEATHER

Parking ban ends April 1, but snow and penalties go on



Ben Macintosh
For Metro | Halifax

Come April 1, you can park on the street overnight — but you still won't have a free pass.

As of March 31, Halifax Regional Municipality can no longer enforce the overnight parking ban, but it can still penalize people who are blocking efforts to clean up roads.

"Be reasonable and move vehicles," said municipal spokesperson Tiffany Chase. "Some roads are too narrow for our equipment to clear."

As for questions about parking bans after storms with less than 10 centimetres of snow, Chase had a simple answer.

"We have the regulations in law to be able to do it," she said.

Chase said the city has issued 23 parking bans since the system was put into effect on Dec. 15, and 4,933 tickets have been issued. Last winter, 15 parking bans were enforced with 4,759 tickets issued, and the year before that 47 bans were enforced with 12,307 tickets issued.

Environment Canada meteorologist Bob Robichaud warns Maritimers not to put their shovels away just yet.

He says there is another storm approaching south of Nova Scotia for Sunday, although it is not expected to impact the Maritimes. Robichaud said that means there is the possibility of more snowy weather in April.

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Number of times the ban has been enforced this winter

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HOUSING

Centre Plan getting closer to official city approval



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The finish line is in sight for the long-awaited Centre Plan after a meeting Wednesday to start the process of approving the comprehensive development plan for Halifax and Dartmouth.

Halifax Regional Municipality urban design program manager and the man at the helm of the Centre Plan, Jacob Ritchie presented the latest draft to the Community Design Advisory Committee, and outlined the next steps in the approval process.

The overarching goal of the plan is to have 40 per cent of new housing in the municipality built in the regional centre — peninsular Halifax and Dartmouth within the circumferential highway — allowing for 33,000 new residents by 2031.

"We really recognize how ambitious that is," Ritchie said during his presentation. "It lets us achieve economics in not servicing new areas that we can't afford, but it also fills in so many of those

vacant lots and parking lots that we walk by in our downtowns and corridors every day."

Ritchie's economic argument for the kind of density called for in the plan is the difference in the cost of providing services, which he puts at an average of \$1,416 per urban household, and \$3,462 per suburban household.

The 170-page document breaks the regional centre down into categories, assigning different building size and design requirements.

Ritchie and his team have spent the past two years building the plan, consulting extensively with the public in a series of meetings and talking to developers.

"We're not just saying, 'We know best.' We're actually trying to get input and a lot of input was given," Coun. Lindell Smith said in an interview at the meeting.

Smith said he hopes the work that went into the plan will stop councillors from granting exceptions to it once its complete, as council often does with the current land-use bylaws.

"I feel confident that the majority is going to want to actually live by what is created here because so much of our resources went into creating this," he said.

For us not to go by it is kind of doing a disservice to everybody."



The area covered in the municipality's Centre Plan is expected to house 33,000 new residents by 2031. CONTRIBUTED/HRM



We need to have people closer together to get the social interaction we want.

Jacob Ritchie

The committee will vote on a recommendation for the plan for the municipality's Community Planning and Economic Development

Committee, which will then make a recommendation to regional council.

It's expected to be fully approved in early 2018.

ACADEMIC YEAR

No school extension despite disruptions



Ben Macintosh
For Metro | Halifax

The province's education minister is weighing in on the school closure debate and says extending the school year is only "in extreme circumstances."

When asked about possibly extending the school year given there's been 9.5 days lost due to storms in HRM, Karen Casey told Metro by email the school year hadn't been extended since five extra days were first added to the year in the 1970s.

Casey said while she understands the frustration of the parents and students, extending the

school year isn't the right choice. "The final decision with respect to inclement weather rests with the Boards. There are many strategies that school boards and schools can employ to make up for lost time," Casey said.

Paul Bennett, director of Schoolhouse Consulting in

Halifax, SAID this week that "this is the most disruptive year in the history of Nova Scotia education," given the days lost to storms, and the labour disruptions.

Casey said student safety is the

top priority for school boards. "Storm policies are a school board responsibility and student safety is always the first priority when deciding whether to close a school because of weather," she said.



This is the most disruptive year in the history of Nova Scotia education.

Paul Bennett

EDUCATION

Classroom fixes coming

Nova Scotia's education minister has eliminated three provincially mandated assessments and exams, and declared a five-year moratorium on new assessments.

Karen Casey says those moves are among eight recommendations put forward by a provincial council on classroom conditions to be implemented immediately.

The Education Department will also maintain its suspension of Grade 10 exams and its suspension of one provincially mandated assessment.

The bulk of 10 outstanding recommendations will require

9,000

The province imposed a contract on more than 9,000 unionized teachers. The council was struck following that protracted labour dispute.

the department and the province's eight school boards to make presentations to the council at its next meeting beginning April 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

HEALTH CARE

P.E.I. residents add to hospital bed shortage: Union

A union report that says Prince Edward Island patients are adding to a bed shortage at Halifax hospitals has raised concerns from the Island's Tory Opposition, who say it shows P.E.I. patients often can't get the care they need at home.

The report released Monday by the Nova Scotia Government and General Employees Union provided anecdotes of patients

being treated in hallways and staff performing CPR in the elevators of the Halifax Infirmary because the emergency department is overcrowded.

It quotes staff who say patients from P.E.I. are contributing to a bed shortage because they are staying at the Infirmary, Atlantic Canada's largest hospital, due to a lack of available hospital beds or homecare

in their home communities.

James Aylward, the Tory health critic in P.E.I., said today the report is further evidence his province needs to open nursing home beds and to move more quickly on home-care programs.

However, the director of health services at the Queen Elizabeth II Health Sciences Centre, which includes the Infirmary,

says 92 of the 159 Island patients who used the tertiary care facilities between last April and February were transferred home the same day doctors deemed them well enough to leave.

Brian Butt says there were only four patients still waiting for a transfer after two days, and they did not have a major impact on bed shortages.

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COMPETITION

Beautify the downtown

Downtown Halifax Business Commission is looking for public submissions for the 2017 Gritty to Pretty Beautification Program, to make the city more welcoming to locals and visitors. Winners qualify for the Open grant and the Façade Lighting grant. Deadline is April 28. For more info go to downtownhalifax.ca/grittytopretty. METRO

SAFETY

Leave moose alone

Officials from the provincial Department of Natural Resources warn people to stay away from a moose that's been spotted in the Abercrombie area. DNR biologist Shavonne Meyer says bull moose can be dangerous to people at times, especially if they're sick, injured, in poor body condition, or when they feel threatened. TC MEDIA

'It's not something that you can forget'

COURT

Passenger's credibility questioned in taxi assault case



Haley Ryan
Metro | Halifax

The credibility and drinking habits of a young woman involved in a taxi sexual assault case were called into question Wednesday, although the Crown said any inconsistencies on "minute details" were understandable with hours of cross-examination, and the case is not about whether she was intoxicated.

Saher H. Hamdan appeared at Halifax provincial court for a day-long sexual assault trial, related to events from July 15, 2016.

The court heard Hamdan picked up the young woman from the Lower Deck in Clayton Park around 8:30 p.m. and drove her to a friend's house in Halifax, where the complainant said Hamdan told her the payment system was down and needed to be restarted, offered her a cigarette, touched her leg a few times without her consent, reached between her legs to pull a latch and slide back her seat, she heard the door lock, and he asked if he could kiss her, before her friend tapped on the window and she left the car.

"I was terrified," the complainant said in her testimony Wednesday, speaking to Crown attorney Cory Roberts.

"I'm not that big. I'm 19 years old, and I was sitting in the front seat of a cab that I was supposed to be able to trust. Nobody has that encounter and walks out of it saying like 'Oh yeah I'm fine,' blowing it off."

The Hamdan case comes less than a month after Judge Gregory Lenehan's decision to acquit taxi driver Bassam Al-Rawi of sexually assaulting a passenger who was passed out in his cab drew national attention.

The complainant said after she told Hamdan 'No' to him kissing her, his voice became lower and was obviously angry although he didn't raise his arms.

She testified he said, "Why not?" as she leaned against the door. The court heard her friend then tapped on the window and Hamdan said, "I guess I'm not going to make you pay then,"



Saher Hamdan covers his head from cameras as he leaves a Halifax provincial courtroom on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

and she left.

Hamdan turned himself into police after a press release went out on July 21 describing the incident, and voluntarily identified himself as the driver as well as provided a statement on July 25. He did not testify Wednesday.

During the trial, Judge Michael Sherar heard testimony from a Casino Taxi manager who testified Hamdan drove for their company until charges were laid in August 2016; Const. Kathryn Willett with the Sexual Assault Investigative Team (SAIT) who interviewed Hamdan and the complainant; the complainant herself; and her 19-year-old friend with whom she had an intimate relationship at the time.

Texts between the complainant and her friend were also read in court, with her telling him she was on her way, that she was outside waiting for payment system to be fixed, then just after 10 p.m. for him to come outside because of a "creepy cabbie," and hurry.

Her friend said after he brought the complainant inside, she had "a lot of consistent crying" for about an hour.

The most extensive testimony came from the complainant (who cannot be named due to a publication ban) as she testified and then was cross-examined for nearly three hours, broken up

by multiple recesses and a lunch break.

She said she didn't want to call police at first because she didn't know the rooflight or type of the cab, so it would be hard to find out who was driving and "you don't think that people are going to care."

In her testimony she described Hamdan grazing her arm and maybe her leg on the drive to

"It's been almost six months, so my timing may be a little off, but I know what happened."

Complainant

her friend's apartment, but defence lawyer John O'Neill later pointed out she had told police in her statement he grazed only her arm.

Multiple times, O'Neill asked the complainant where her legs were in the cab at different points, whether she had raised one leg to the dash, when in the series of events did Hamdan hold up coffee to her mouth for her to drink or move back her seat, and said it was a "significant"

point whether her leg was on the dashboard as she initially told police, or propped on the inner side compartment of the door which she said Wednesday.

When Roberts asked her why she put her leg on the door, the complainant said she was scared and there was another incident where something similar had happened with a man and she couldn't get away so she kicked him.

Roberts asked if that was the plan, and the complainant said "If need be, yes," her voice slightly breaking with tears in her eyes.

O'Neill also asked extensive questions about how much alcohol the complainant drank at the Lower Deck from roughly 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

When she said a pitcher of beer, shot of whiskey, Long Island Iced Tea and couple other drinks from a second pitcher, he asked whether she knew how many pints went in a pitcher (per ounce) and how many ounces would have been in her mixed drink, which she did not know.

Although the complainant testified she was not drunk "at all" and handles alcohol well, which her friend agreed to since he said she wasn't slurring her words and walked straight, O'Neill said her position "is just not in keeping with how most

people see the world."

He said common sense tells you one drink begins a deterioration of motor skills, and whether your perception of events is "accurate and reliable."

"I know what happened, OK. It's been almost six months, so my timing may be a little off, but I know what happened," the complainant said.

The Crown argued the complainant's testimony was straightforward on the important pieces of evidence, and the case is not about intoxication as she didn't appear to have memory issues. While she often seemed frustrated and "not eager" to be in court, the Crown said that's no reason to reject her testimony. Roberts added she was cross-examined extensively on "very minute details."

Roberts said that in this case physical touching for sexual purpose is sexual assault, and Hamdan should be found guilty.

O'Neill said his defence rests on a "three-pronged" approach: that the complainant's evidence lacks the necessary credibility or reliability for a conviction, the evidence doesn't support a finding that her "sexual integrity" was violated, and thirdly if the court does find the integrity was violated then Hamdan had honest belief in consent.

CRIME

Man charged for fake U.S. currency



Grace Gormley
For Metro | Halifax

Police have charged a Halifax man in connection with numerous reports of counterfeit American bills being used at Halifax area businesses.

In a media release, police in Halifax said shortly after 11 a.m. Tuesday, investigators conducted a traffic stop on a vehicle in the 600 block of St. Margarets Bay Road.

The male occupant of the vehicle was arrested at the scene and held in police custody Tuesday night.

Jordan James Hirtle, 26, has been charged with five counts of possession of counterfeit money and five counts of using counterfeit money in relation to the following cases:

+ APPEARANCE

Jordan Hirtle was set to appear in court Wednesday, and the investigation into three remaining cases is ongoing.

- Feb. 23: Five counterfeit \$20 American bills were used in a Halifax pharmacy

- March 8: Seven counterfeit \$20 American bills were received at a Dartmouth financial institution.

- March 15: Police retrieved counterfeit American bills used to pay for a purchase at Halifax gas station.

- March 16: A Fall River business reported a man had bought two prepaid credit cards by using counterfeit \$20 American bills on March 13.

- March 20: A Tantallon business reported a man made a transaction using 10 counterfeit \$20 American bills on March 8.

IN BRIEF

Pair to appear in court after dog loose in pickup

A Halifax man who let his dog roam free in the back of his moving pickup truck and a Queens County woman who docked puppy tails are facing charges under Nova Scotia's Animal Protection Act.

Murray Newton and Debbie Baggs of Hunts Point are scheduled to appear in court on June 7.

YVETTE D'ENTREMONT/METRO

McNeil's pre-election splurge

POLITICS

Liberals doling out over \$16M in funding this month



Yvette d'Entremont
Metro | Halifax

As speculation swirls about an impending provincial election call, more than \$16 million has been announced so far this month in funding for grants and projects.

By contrast, during the month of February, about \$750,000 was doled out by the province.

The amount of spending in recent weeks has provincial Progressive Conservative party leader Jamie Baillie preparing for an election call.

In a phone interview Wednesday, he said it's "traditionally how these things work."

"All of a sudden, there's money for everything," Baillie said. He took the opportunity to call for fixed election dates so voters would be prepared.

Using the word "funding" as a search term, Metro checked the province's media releases to get a rough sense of amounts given out during recent announcements.

The more than \$16 million distributed during events throughout Nova Scotia this past month range from \$12,500 for a smart grid technology study to \$3.9 million for enhanced affordable housing and repair programs.

Grand Pre 2017 and Upper Clements Park both received \$300,000 and the Black Cultural Centre in Cherry Brook got \$230,000.

Other March announcements included \$1 million to St. Francis Xavier University for seating improvements to its Oland Centre before Antigonish hosts the national Special Olympics



Premier Stephen McNeil must call an election by October 2018. JEFF HARPER/METRO

in 2018.

The Lunenburg Yacht Club also benefited from a \$150,000 provincial investment and \$2.25 million was

provided for construction of a community centre in Digby County.

During the month of March 2016, the province had announced more than \$29 million in funding. That included \$23.3 million for the Yarmouth Ferry. With the ferry taken out of the equation,

funding announcements during March of 2016 amounted to about \$6.2 million.

Premier Stephen McNeil wasn't available for an interview or to answer questions before press time, but his spokesman David Jackson said the following in an email: "When he was asked about it earlier in the week he said there's been speculation about an election since the fall, and that he'll be calling one at some point," Jackson wrote.

Nova Scotia's 40th general election must take place by October, 2018, but is expected to happen much sooner.

+ WILD CARD

Cape Breton University political science professor Tom Urbaniak said the issue of electoral boundaries is a 'wild card' when speculating about the timing of an election call.

"The Nova Scotia Court of Appeal raised serious concerns about the lack of legitimacy of the 2012 electoral-boundaries process and the harm that was done in that process to minority and Acadian representation," he said.

"The Court of Appeal's determination was not a ruling per se because the case was formally a 'reference case', but not taking tangible steps to correct the problems identified by the Court of Appeal before going in the election would be controversial for the government and concerning to many Nova Scotians."

Cape Breton University political science professor Tom Urbaniak said a spring provincial election is "a very real scenario" and a "tempting scenario" for the Liberals.

"If there is a spring election, it would likely be called within a couple of days of the budget being presented. The government will bill the budget as 'good news' and will claim to show a balanced budget," Urbaniak said in an email.

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Mini-series has community up in arms

ANNAPOLIS ROYAL

Champlain settled here first: Mayor

A new docu-drama series about the history of Canada has touched a raw nerve in a rural corner of Nova Scotia.

Bill MacDonald, the mayor of Annapolis Royal, is leading a campaign to denounce the first

+ CBC EXPLAINS

CBC spokesman Chuck Thompson said the show's producers chose to focus on Quebec City after reaching out to historians. "We fully acknowledge (Port Royal) is a special and

important part of Canadian history," Thompson said in an email. "Port Royal came up many times in the producers' research and in numerous conversations with noted historians."

episode as a disrespectful and erroneous version of what really

happened when Europeans first settled in this land.

He said he was shocked this week when the CBC show, Canada: The Story of Us, asserted that the first permanent European settlement was established near what is now Quebec City.

It's well known that French explorer Samuel de Champlain established a permanent settlement at Port Royal, N.S., in 1605 — three years before he founded another one along the St. Lawrence River in Quebec, the mayor said. THE CANADIAN PRESS



Mayor Bill MacDonald, centre with Annapolis Royal councillors in a re-enactment of an historic council meeting, says a CBC mini-series got Canadian history wrong. LAWRENCE POWELL/TC MEDIA



Lt.-Cmdr. Paul Smith, commanding officer of HMCS Summerside, reads with students at the Aberdeen Municipal School in Freetown, Sierra Leone on March 20.

CONTRIBUTED DND-MASTER CPL. PAT BLANCHARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

SIERRA LEONE

Navy commander visits historic site

Standing in the shadow of Freetown's towering Cotton Tree, Lt.-Cmdr. Paul Smith felt the weight of history as he stood in a spot that welcomed hundreds of free slaves who set out from the shores of Nova Scotia to the distant coast of Sierra Leone 225 years ago.

The commanding officer of HMCS Summerside was intent on visiting the sacred site as part of a personal and professional mission to connect with a community settled in 1792 by about 1,500 Black Loyalists who left his hometown province to settle the capital of Sierra Leone after the American Revolution.

Smith, who is the first African-Canadian to command a navy patrol ship, said he was keen to see the Cotton Tree, now at the centre of one of Freetown's busy roundabouts, after learning that settlers started praying there when they arrived.

"Getting to see the actual tree and noting that there's a plaque there recognizing the Nova Scotia settlers was a big deal to me," he said Wednesday from his ship off Ivory Coast.

Smith, HMCS Summerside and crew aboard HMCS Moncton retraced the historic journey to West Africa as part of their participation in Neptune Trident, a Royal Canadian Navy

+ THE SMITHS

Lt.-Cmdr. Paul Smith, who was born in Jamaica and raised in Nova Scotia, said a local man told him he could be linked to the Mende tribe in eastern Sierra Leone.

"I asked him, 'How do you know?' and he said, 'Because I've seen your face over there.'"

"Apparently there are a lot of Smiths walking around over there that look a lot like me! I have to make it to the east coast now!"

training and relationship-building exercise with navies from several countries, including Senegal, Spain, France, Liberia and Morocco. The Canadian ships set out on Feb. 18 from Halifax and are due back in early May.

The operation also includes outreach work at schools, orphanages and youth groups, with most of the children scarred by the country's civil war and an Ebola outbreak that killed about 3,600 people, according to the World Health Organization.

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A South Sudanese girl, Elizabeth Kegi, receives treatment at Al Shabbab Hospital in Juba, South Sudan.

GETTY IMAGES

'We can't afford to be hopeless'

Members of the South Sudanese diaspora in Canada watch the world's youngest country descend into abyss.



Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

There are times when Emmanuela Bringi switches into panic mode — like when phone lines are cut off and she's unable to reach her relatives in South Sudan.

"You're always fearing the worst," said Bringi, a South Sudanese-Canadian in London, Ont. She's especially concerned about her wheelchair-bound grandmother who has diabetes and lives on her own in a country ravaged by constant interethnic conflict and a famine crisis.

"She can't even get access to health care because there are no clinics," she said, adding that many others have died from lack of health care and food. "It has become so normal to hear people talk about losing a family member, as if death is something that's just supposed to happen. It's not."

The United Nations has already declared a full-blown famine in two counties in Unity State, and nearly two-thirds of the country's entire population is food insecure. The situation is a direct result of the long-standing conflict that has killed thousands and forced nearly four million people out of their homes, making



"They need to stop the fighting."

Amanie Aman

ing them unable to work the fields or tend to cattle.

Even humanitarian intervention isn't spared. Just last weekend, six aid workers were killed in an ambush outside the capital city of Juba. Since 2013, at least 79 aid workers have lost their lives in South Sudan, according

to the UN.

As they watch the world's youngest country descend into abyss, members of the South Sudanese diaspora in Canada are running campaigns to contribute to relief efforts.

"Our morale is down but we

can't afford to be hopeless," said Joseph Kau, a student in Toronto struggling to send remittances to his two sisters and a brother in the country's south.

Toronto-based pop singer and model Amanie Aman, whose family came to Canada in the 1990s, believes the best solution to the famine lies in ending the chronic circle of violence.

"They need to stop the fighting," she said of President Salva Kiir and his main archrival Riek Machar. "That's when they'll be able to allocate proper funds towards actually feeding the people and allowing help and aid to come in."

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People already suffering from famine

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HOW YOU CAN HELP

The South Sudanese diaspora across the country are leading efforts to collect funds and donate.

South Sudanese community in the GTHA will hold a fundraising event on May 20, at Howard Johnson Hotel in Kitchener. unicef.ca/stopthefamine

Action Against Hunger runs emergency food and nutrition programs inside South Sudan, plus some

interventions on livelihoods and water and sanitation. To get involved or donate, visit actioncontrelafaim.ca/donate

World Vision is the biggest implementing partner of the World Food Program in East Africa. Private donations can be made at worldvision.ca

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U.K. files for divorce

BREXIT

It's Not EU, it's me: Britain leaving after 44 years

Britain filed for divorce from the European Union on Wednesday, with fond words and promises of friendship that could not disguise the historic nature of the schism - or the years of argument and hard-nosed bargaining ahead as the U.K. leaves the embrace of the bloc for an uncertain future as "global Britain."

Prime Minister Theresa May triggered the two-year divorce process in a six-page letter to EU Council President Donald Tusk, vowing that Britain will maintain a "deep and special partnership" with its neighbours in the bloc. In response, Tusk told Britain:

52%

Percent of Britons that voted to leave the EU nine months ago.



Anti-Brexit demonstrators at Downing Street in London, on Wednesday after Britain invoked Article 50 to start the process of withdrawal from the EU. GETTY IMAGES

"We already miss you."

May's invocation of Article 50 of the EU's key treaty sets the clock ticking on two years of negotiations until Britain becomes the first major nation to leave the union - as Big Ben bongs midnight on March 29, 2019.

The U.K.'s departure could not come at a worse time for the EU, which has grown from six founding members six decades ago to

a vast, largely borderless span of 28 nations and half a billion people. Nationalist and populist parties are on the march across the continent in revolt against the bloc's mission of "ever-closer union."

"This is an historic moment from which there can be no turning back," May told lawmakers in the House of Commons, moments after her letter was hand-

delivered to Tusk in Brussels by Britain's ambassador to the EU, Tim Barrow. May said the two sides should "engage with one another constructively and respectfully."

"The European Union is a historically unique success story," German Chancellor Angela Merkel said in Berlin. "It remains one even after Britain's withdrawal."

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TERROR

Remembering victims of the London attack

Police officers, Muslim youths and hundreds of others linked hands Wednesday on Westminster Bridge to honour the four people who died in an attack that started on the span a week earlier.

The bridge fell silent at 2:40 p.m. to mark the moment when Khalid Masood began mowing down pedestrians, killing three. Masood then fatally stabbed a policeman in a courtyard on the grounds of Parliament.

Police say Masood, a native Briton, was inspired by extrem-

ist ideology, but that there's no evidence he had direct links to Daesh or al-Qaida.

Schoolchildren clutching yellow roses held signs reading, "Islam says no to terror" and "Please don't kill innocent people."

The commemoration came as an inquest opened into the deaths of American tourist Kurt Cochran, 54, retired window cleaner Leslie Rhodes, 75, school administrator Aysha Frade, 44, and Palmer, 48.

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ITALY

Women could get paid menstrual leave

The Italian parliament is considering a bill that, if approved, would require employers to grant women three days of paid leave every month, according to the Washington Post.

To qualify for menstrual leave, the Post said, women would need a certificate from a medical specialist. The bill says that between 60 and 90 per cent of women suffer from painful periods.

Critics worry it might deter companies from hiring women.

"The demand for female employees among companies might decrease, or women could be further penalized both in terms of salary and career advancement," said Daniela Piazzalunga, an economist at research institute Research Institute for the Evaluation of Public Policies.

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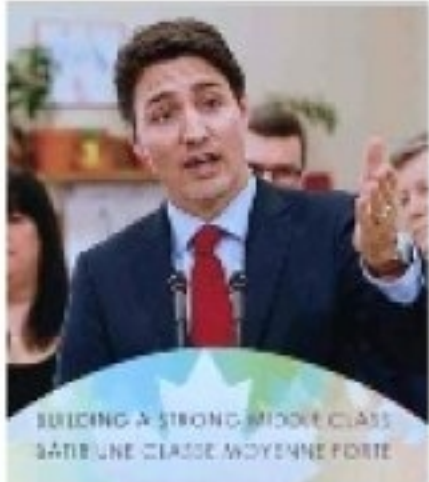
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Trudeau heckled, but committed to carbon tax



Justin Trudeau Wednesday.
THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Justin Trudeau says he's still committed to a carbon tax despite U.S. President Donald Trump's move to eliminate many restrictions on fossil fuel production and roll back measures to combat climate change.

"Canadian economic and environmental policy will be determined in Ottawa, not in Washington, D.C.," Trudeau said in a CBC interview Wednesday.

"We know that climate change means that we're going to have to walk down a

lower carbon path in the coming decades. The question is, do we want to be dragged into that future kicking and screaming or do we want to lead it, like the innovators we can be."

Trudeau said there is a tremendous opportunity for Canadian innovation and leadership on climate change.

Trump, who has called global warming a hoax invented by the Chinese, has said he would kill former president Barack Obama's climate plans.

Earlier in the day, Trudeau

held a news conference in Winnipeg that was interrupted by a protester who called the prime minister a scumbag.

The man carried a camcorder as he heckled Trudeau about the carbon tax while the prime minister answered other questions.

Staff from the Prime Minister's Office said the man gained entry to the event claiming to be a member of the "world alternative media" and security eventually led him out of the room without incident.

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An aurora painted across the sky during a night excursion with Northern Tales Travel Services. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nature's light show

ASTRONOMY

Better-than-normal chance to see aurora borealis now

Canadians may be treated to an unexpected light show this week, according to the Weather Network.

In a Twitter moment posted on Tuesday, the Weather Network said "all of Canada has a chance to see the Aurora Borealis."

"If you have clear skies over the next few nights, try to get outside and somewhere dark," the Twitter moment read.

People from across Canada, ranging from Strathmore, Alta., to Prince Albert, Sask., to Thunder Bay, Ont., posted photos on Twitter of the northern lights, which were visible Monday night.

And the aurora borealis could be visible as far south as the Great

Lakes, according to the Weather Network.

The northern lights "appear as a result of activity on the sun's surface," according to Randy Atwood, executive director for The Royal Astronomical Society of Canada.

"It releases highly energetic particles through its solar winds which interact with our magnetic field and atmosphere," Rachel Ward-Maxwell, a researcher-programmer in astronomy and space sciences with the Ontario Science Centre said.

"If the sun is particularly active that can result in a spectacular light show for us."

This week's light show is because of a crack in the sun's atmosphere known as a coronal hole, according to Yvette Cendes, a PhD student in astronomy at the University of Toronto.

This allows for more particles to "stream through than usual, triggering the northern lights."

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Couple upset baby photo used to 'fear monger'

Lucie Edwardson
Metro | Calgary

A Calgary couple is upset that a touching photo of the first moments their premature son was held by his mother has been used by a Canadian website to "fear monger."

Jessica Collinson gave birth to Hugo prematurely in 2015. Mike Burritt, Collinson's partner and Hugo's dad, said the photo used by BabyGaga.com was actually a screenshot of a video Burritt submitted to Facebook group Love What Matters.

Burritt said since 2015 they have had the video under copyright with a media company and

are usually informed of its use.

Burritt said BabyGaga.com used it "totally out of context," as the main photo for their article "15 Signs Mom-To-Be Might Go Into Preterm Labour."

"When I first saw it I was pretty outraged," he said. "We wanted to use it to be inspiring ... and not use it as a scare tactic for pregnant women."

David Felicissimo who works for BabyGaga.com's parent company Valnet Inc., said they own some "very well known major online editorial brands" and have licences with various partners including AP Images, USA Today Images, Shutterstock and Barcroft. He said there are also "other issues at play" including "fair use."



Collinson and son Hugo.
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CHANTAL HÉBERT ON THE TORIES' LEADERSHIP RACE



There is little doubt that the choice of a polarizing leader, one who is unloved by his caucus to boot, would shrink the Conservative tent to the Liberals' advantage.

Now that deadline has passed for Conservative rivals to sign up new members for the May leadership vote, here are a handful of observations on the fluid state of play in the battle for Stephen Harper's succession:

1. There are still 14 names on the Conservative ballot, but a consensus is emerging that the must-watch list is down to five. That may be a generous number. The names on the list are Kevin O'Leary, Maxime Bernier, Kelly Leitch, Erin O'Toole and Andrew Scheer.

For different reasons and to varying degrees, the first three are polarizing figures whose signature policies divide the party and have moderate appeal, to put it mildly, within the caucus of 97 MPs.

O'Leary and Bernier are the presumed front-runners.

But they may not be the second or third choice of enough Conservatives to go the distance.

That is even more true of Leitch. You either like her Trump-style approach to immigration issues a lot or dislike it intensely. There is no middle ground.

O'Toole and Scheer are locked in a battle to be the fall-back candidate. That battle has been picking up speed over the past few weeks.

2. Harper's succession could have turned into a battle-by-proxy between the two factions that resumed their cohabitation within a reunified Conservative party over his decade in power. The old divide between former Tories

and ex-Reformers could have resurfaced over the yearlong leadership campaign.

That is not happening.

Or, at least, it is not happening in a defining way.

None of the presumed front-runners has emerged as a stalking horse for one or other of the two factions. If

has had a kind word for the identity-driven immigration policies promoted by Leitch.

3. If it were up to the Conservative caucus, neither O'Leary, nor Bernier (nor Leitch) would succeed Harper. A majority of Quebec MPs have declined to back Bernier. Most of them oppose his bid

Conservative establishment scramble to prevent O'Leary from parlaying his celebrity status into the leader's job, the Liberals and the NDP have no cause to be smug about their own selection process. They are not immune to an O'Leary-style stunt.

At least the Conservatives, by giving each riding equal weight in the leadership vote, have some safeguards in place to make it harder for a social media rock star to turn his or her following into a flood of supporters.

The New Democrats elect their leader through the universal suffrage of their members, without distinction of region or riding. It is not necessary to become a full-fledged party member to participate in a Liberal leadership vote. It is enough to be a sympathizer.

Under a straight one-member-one vote leadership formula, O'Leary, whose main asset in this campaign has been name recognition, might have a bigger lead on the competition than he does under the weighted Conservative process.

5. There is little doubt that the choice of a polarizing leader, one who is unloved by his caucus to boot, would shrink the Conservative tent to the Liberals' advantage.

Anyone who covered the near-implosion of the Canadian Alliance under Stockwell Day 15 years ago has firsthand knowledge of the perils of electing a leader who is not equipped to command or keep the respect of his or her caucus.

Chantal Hébert is a national affairs writer. Her column appears in Metro every Thursday.



OLD WOUNDS The race to replace Stephen Harper has not brought back the divide between former Tories and supporters of the Reform Party, Chantal Hébert writes. (Clockwise from top left: Kellie Leitch, Kevin O'Leary, Maxime Bernier, Erin O'Toole).

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anything, some of the leading figures on both sides of the Conservative schism of the recent past are looking beyond the front-runners for a possible successor to Harper.

From his new niche as Alberta's Tory leader, Jason Kenney used an editorial board meeting with Postmedia this week to warn Conservative members against O'Leary. He says the reality-TV star is unqualified to lead the federal party.

On Tuesday, former Progressive Conservative leader Peter MacKay showed up at a fundraising event for Ontario MP Erin O'Toole.

Neither Kenney nor MacKay

to end supply management in the dairy industry and his contention that the federal government should not have helped the auto industry at the time of the global economic crisis or, more recently, aerospace giant Bombardier.

In the battle for caucus endorsements, O'Toole and Scheer have the leading roles. Whether that will help either of them bridge the distance from second to the top tier is an open question. But, for many MPs, the choice at this juncture seems to hinge on which of those second-tier candidates has the best chance of coming up the middle.

4. As they watch part of the

How to talk to a black woman at work in 12 easy steps



Vicky Mochama
Metro

U.S. Congresswoman Maxine Waters was doing one of her "The president is a lying nepotist who is running a kleptocracy and he has got to go" speeches. Upon hearing this gospel, Fox News host Bill O'Reilly was struck dumb, because he then said a dumb thing: "I didn't hear a word she said. I was looking at the James Brown wig."

You're not going to disrespect a black woman without hearing about it, no sir. O'Reilly's comment inspired the #BlackWomenAtWork hashtag. Scrolling through, it was clear that so many bosses, colleagues and clients don't know how to talk to professional black women.

To help fix racism, I have put together a handy guide for them.

HOW TO TALK TO A BLACK WOMAN AT WORK

1. Ask about her hair.
2. Ask if the hair on her head belongs to her.
3. During work hours, ask if she washes her hair.
4. Use relatable and evocative language to describe to her the texture of her own hair. For example, "It feels like horsehair," and "It's like a rope."
5. Be sure to compliment her by saying – no, insisting – that she looks so different now that she's changed a tenth of her body that you didn't even recognize her! Say something like, "I see you almost every day but you are unrecogniz-

able now that you have done a new thing with the top of your head." She will be thrilled her efforts have been recognized.

6. Be culturally aware by speaking to her on issues that matter to her. For example, her hair and how it has changed recently.

7. Build bridges with your colleague by running your hands through her hair. It's the personal touch that matters.

8. Hire a second one. You can't mistake two distinctly different black women for each other if you only have one!

9. When you mistake her for the other black woman at work, she will be comforted to know that you "meant the other one."

10. Now that there are two of them, it may seem as if they are only interested in talking to you about hair. Get to know your black female colleagues more during informal conversations about Africa, basketball, Barack Obama and that time you saw someone who might have been Denzel Washington but wasn't.

11. Help them (Fatima and Gloria? Gladys and Phyllis? It's an F-sound and a G-sound...) with their careers! Point them to opportunities suited to their skills, like typing courses. More advanced opportunities like travelling for work should be saved for Robert Windingfield, the intern who could really use the experience.

12. When Flora and Galadriel (confirm with HR) complain you've promoted Robert while they have Master's degrees, disarm with charm by saying, "Hey, girl, heyyyy. Love your hair, my woes."

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Bad boy Hynes takes us home

CANLIT

Author's new novel is set in Newfoundland, a place he loves

Sue Carter
For Metro Canada



For a good chunk of the year, Joel Thomas Hynes lives in a flat in Toronto's Beaches neighbourhood. Here he is close to his teenage son, actor Percy Hynes White, and to his own acting work on film and television, for shows like *Eyewitness* and *Orphan Black*.

But come mid-May, the itch hits and the author heads for the road back home to Newfoundland. Except for last year, when he was already on the ferry, and got a call for a last-minute gig back in Ontario.

"When you come from Newfoundland, which has a small population, the industries are not huge so there's only so far you can go. You can't just be one thing in Newfoundland," says the multi-talented Hynes, who is also a filmmaker, musician and a playwright.

Right now, Hynes is taking a break in Dallas to chaperone Percy, who was cast in the new *Marvel X-Men* television series. But when he arrives back on the Rock, Hynes gets on his motorcycle and heads to his small house in the woods. "Newfoundlanders always have a tendency to go home. We have a

very fierce relationship with the island," he says. Hynes craves the solitude, which suits his needs as a writer. "I live a very, very simple quiet existence for a couple months, then I go back to the big city."

Since his first novel, 2004's *Down to the Dirt*, Hynes has gained an international reputation as a bad boy of Canadian literature, thanks to his tough, violent protagonists, all anti-heroes with a predilection for booze, drugs and destructive relationships. His new book, *We'll All Be Burnt in Our Beds Some Night*, remains in the milieu of his other novels, recognizable for its immersive colloquial language and darkly comic situations (an accidental hot tub enema is most memorable). Here, Johnny Keough is awaiting trial for the assault of his girlfriend, Madonna, who he claims ran into a teapot he was holding while making "a run at him." When Madonna doesn't appear at court — turns out she was the victim of an unrelated fatal accident — a heartbroken Johnny takes off on a road trip to British Columbia to scatter her ashes on what he believes was her favourite beach (even if he doesn't exactly remember its name).

Although this novel marks the first time one of Hynes'

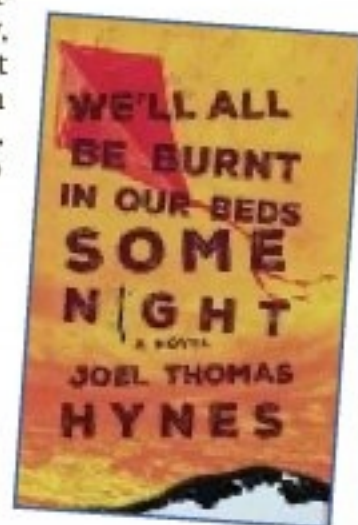
protagonists has ventured off the island, Newfoundland is still the book's beating heart. Hynes observes a small, raw slice of a culture that won't appear in tourism ads or Broadway musicals, but one that is universal to hard-scrabble small-town life. Hynes says this book was his toughest challenge to date and admits that in the past he's received pressure to try a different style or setting to avoid a reputation as a "regional writer."

But, despite the book's travelling narrator, he hasn't backed down.

"Why can't I have Newfoundland and set my writing in a place that I love?"

Hynes may not be done with writing about home, but he does believe that Johnny may be the last of his badass characters.

"The story is not autobiographical, though elements certainly are, and I maintain it's emotionally true," he says. "I figure I'm not in it to make millions, I'm in it to communicate what is true to me and a lot of themes and issues that have come up in my own life — family, destruction, man versus the all-powerful state — remain important to me on some level. But I think as a fiction writer, I've gotten it out of my system."



Sue Carter is the editor at Quill & Quire magazine.



Multi-talented artist Joel Thomas Hynes sets his novel in a place he loves: Newfoundland, he says of his new book, *We'll All Be Burnt in Our Beds Some Night*. CONTRIBUTED



Maria (Jennifer Dale) is convinced her son Sal (Dylan Taylor) is the second coming of Jesus Christ. CONTRIBUTED



JOHANNA SCHNELLER WHAT I'M WATCHING

Sal tests our faith in this dark comedy

THE SHOW: *What Would Sal Do?*
Season 1, Episode 2 (CraveTV)

THE MOMENT: Repainting Jesus

The crucifix statue at Father Luke's (Scott Thompson) Sudbury church fell and cracked. The timing is auspicious, since Luke just helped his parishioner Maria (Jennifer Dale) tell her slacker son Sal (Dylan Taylor) that he's the second coming of Christ. Father Luke's assistant Rajani (Priya Rajaratnam) returns from the hardware store with paint to repair the statue.

"Dark tan paint?" Luke asks. "Since we're repainting him, why not use a shade that's more reflective of the truth?" she counters.

He launches into a discourse about how people prefer to remember Elvis Presley as handsome rather than fat.

"So a historically accurate dark-skinned Jesus is offensive and hard to look at, whereas the manufactured white version is more palatable and pleasing to the eye?" Rajani

asks.

"Exactly," Luke says. "Now please go back to the store and get me some flesh-toned paint. My flesh tone."

It's a Sudbury Sunday morning here, as hoser Sal struggles to do good works. His idea of that may be taking a homeless man to a rub-and-tug parlor, but as Luke admits in Episode 1, if Christ came today he might be an ass who tests our faith.

So far Sal is testing mine.

The show's mix of crass humour and swipes at the corruption of organized religion feels a bit uneasy, as is Sal's quest to atone for bullying a boy who ended up killing himself.

The show feels freshest when Sal's at his least repentant.

Johanna Schneller is a media connoisseur who zeroes in on pop-culture moments. She appears Monday through Thursday.

Facing the wrath of Witherspoon



Nova Scotia's James Tupper and Zoe Kravitz star in HBO's hit series Big Little Lies. CONTRIBUTED

BIG LITTLE LIES

Canadian says being on set is like big leagues of TV

Nova Scotia native James Tupper says being among the group of A-list stars on HBO's hit Big Little Lies is the best thing that's happened to his career.

Tupper plays the easygoing ex-husband to Reese Witherspoon's acerbic character in the darkly comedic murder mystery, which creator-writer David E. Kelley based on Liane Moriarty's bestselling novel.

Other cast members on the limited series, which follows the complicated lives of three mothers after a murder in the seaside town of Monterey, Calif., include Nicole Kidman, Shailene Woodley, Laura Dern, Zoe Kravitz, Alexander Skarsgard and Adam Scott.

Tupper says Witherspoon slyly established the bitter chemistry between their characters, who share custody of their daughter, before the cameras even started rolling.

"She was like, 'Hi, James,' she was very pejorative, a bit caustic," he says with a laugh.

"So we would get into the

scenes and we'd do them and at the very end she opened up to me in this lovely way, because she's such a sweet and earnest and open person, and we ended up now having a friendship.

"But the whole time we were doing it I wasn't quite sure. I was like, 'Uh, hi, Reese.'"

The show is making headlines for its realistic portrayal of domestic violence, based on a storyline involving the characters played by Kidman and Skarsgard.

"You get a chance to delve into the psychology and that's one of the things I'm probably proudest of," says Tupper.

"If you get to participate with a group of artists and make something that's really truthful, that's about the highest you can go, in my opinion. They don't skim the surface.... It's really gnarly."

Tupper credits a fellow Canadian — Quebec's Jean-Marc Vallee, who directs the show — with giving him the opportunity.

"I'll always be a small-town boy from Dartmouth, Nova Scotia," he says from Los Angeles, noting his East Coast family is practically speechless over his success on the show.

"But just to be in that group of names is obviously the best thing that's happened to my entire career. When you get up to that level, I call it the NBA level, like the top level — everybody is very, very good at their job and very open about working with people. They want the thing to work and they're supportive and give it every reason to succeed."

The former star of Men in Trees, Revenge and Aftermath says Vallee was his advocate from the beginning when he auditioned for the role of Nathan on Big Little Lies.

"Jean-Marc is one of the most open and giving human beings and I feel like when I went in and auditioned for this, he was one of the really big reasons I got it," says Tupper.

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Actor James Tupper on the show's harrowing depiction of domestic abuse

INTERVIEW

Women of a certain vintage

The message of Grace and Frankie is: There's life after 70.

And also your own brand of vibrator, according to this Netflix comedy's just-released new season.

Jane Fonda and Lily Tomlin press on as the title characters whose longtime husbands (played by Martin Sheen and Sam Waterston) abruptly left them for each other at the series' inception.

"When our law-partner husbands tell us they've been having an affair for 20 years, we're bereft and cast adrift," says Tomlin.

"What happens when you're in your late 70s and the rug is pulled out from under you?" poses Fonda.

The answer they and their show are promoting: "There can be a third act that's pretty robust and pretty fun," as Fonda puts it. "Don't write us off just because we're over the hill. 'Cause there's a lot of other hills still to come that are pretty exciting."

As the third season begins, the often-fractious friendship shared by uptight Grace and free-spirited Frankie has steered them into marketing a product designed to meet the special needs of women of their vintage. It's a vibrator with thoughtfully large-print directions and a swiveling head that won't aggravate the user's carpal tunnel syndrome or arthritis. Its brand name: Menage a Moi.

Thus does Grace and Frankie, between generous laughs, continue to explore growing older while thumbing its nose at Father Time.

Fonda and Tomlin (today hale and hearty at, respectively, 79



Lily Tomlin, left, and Jane Fonda, star in Grace and Frankie, which is now in its third season. AP

and 77) are the best advertisements for what the series is about. They first worked together in a certain hit film nearly four decades ago.

Fonda had attended a live performance by Tomlin "and I fell in love with her. I was preparing a movie called 9 to 5 that was kind of serious. But after I saw her show, I thought, 'I CAN'T do a movie about secretaries if Lily Tomlin isn't one of them.' And we had to totally redo the movie so it was funny."

Tomlin says she came to the project "totally in awe" of Fonda, and, referring to Fonda's Oscar-winning performance in the 1971 thriller Kluge, confides, "I had already worn a Kluge hairdo for a couple of years."

With their on-screen reunion for Grace and Frankie, Fonda says Tomlin, once again, is "good for me to be around. I come from a long line of depressed people, and Lily's humour is right close to the surface. I tend to depression, and she finds laughter in everything.

We have fun together."

Even so, the series presents challenges.

In the first season, Fonda unexpectedly identified with the abandonment issues her character was going through. "It kind of shatters" Grace, she says, and "it did for me, Jane, as well. It triggered something in me. It was really hard to be playing somebody going through that."

Thinking back on it seems to bring Fonda to the brink of tears.

Or not, she argues with a smile. "I just have something in my eyes."

And there are other demands besides the emotional. Like "working 16 hours a day when you're almost 80," Fonda says. "And we have to be learning our lines. Some of us," she adds with a comically knowing eye in Tomlin's direction, "have QUITE a challenge that way."

"I have NO problem learning lines!" Tomlin chortles. "She is just so full of it!"

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Creepy goalie masks a part of hockey history

Sean Plummer

There is no evidence to suggest that Jason Voorhees was employed as a Canadian goalie prior to his death by drowning in the original Friday the 13th (1980) film.

Indeed, the infamous supernatural serial killer from Camp Crystal Lake only took up his scary goalie mask in 1982's Friday the 13th Part III (before then, a burlap sack hid his deformed features).

But Jason was not the first scary guy to don frightening facial apparel. Montreal Canadiens goaltender Jacques Plante was eager to avoid another broken nose when he took to the ice on November 1, 1959. To that end, he wore a crude fibreglass mask whose blank features made him look like an early Hannibal Lecter.

Similarly, St. Catharines, ON-bred Boston Bruins goalie Gerry Cheevers used to adorn his mask with stitches, while Edmonton native Gary "Bones" Bromley rocked a skull-style goalie mask during his tenure with the Vancouver Canucks back in 1981.

More recently, in 2007, Vancouver Canuck Curtis Sanford adorned his helmet with a Saruman-like image, made all the more strange for its red eyes and curved fangs.



Boston Bruins goalie Gerry Cheevers used to cover his mask in stitches. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

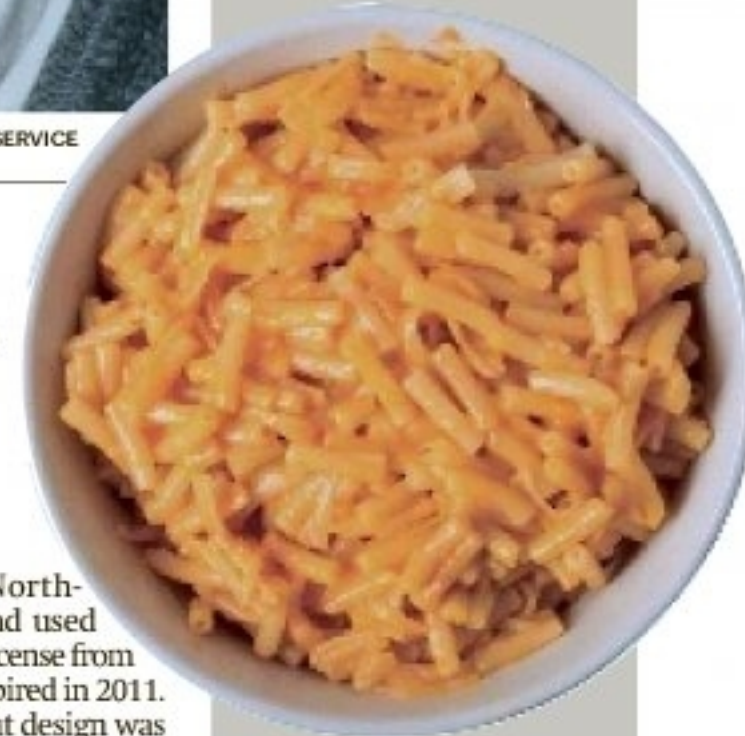
Say cheese!

Canadian love for macaroni and cheese — a.k.a. mac 'n' cheese — did not begin with the '90s-era Barenaked Ladies song "If I Had \$1000000."

Macaroni and cheese was a 19th century import that came courtesy of British immigrants. Meanwhile, Kraft Dinner, a global foodstuff arguably most loved by Canadians (we consume some 55 per cent more than Americans), was first introduced to our country in 1937.

Students, the middle class and even the wealthy bow down before the mighty KD these days.

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Canadians can't get enough mac and cheese. ISTOCK



The polar bear license plates are used by drivers in the Northwest Territories. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Licensed to chill

Canadian license plates are boring, right?

They're six inches by twelve. Story done. Except in the country's north, where spotting a polar bear-shaped license plate is not uncommon.

First introduced in 1970, the polar bear design was trade-

marked by the Northwest Territories and used by Nunavut under license from the NWT until it expired in 2011.

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How to make a micro condo

HOUSING

Researcher constructs 230-square-foot home in lab



Jeremy Simes
Metro | Edmonton

Tim Antoniuk's prototype tiny condo redefines what most would consider a "cosy" living room.

The University of Alberta industrial design researcher has built a 230-square-foot living space in his university lab — including a kitchen, bathroom, sitting area and a fold-down bed — as part of a project to provide a glimpse into what the future of housing could look like.

"But it's not just for hip millennials," Antoniuk said Tuesday. "It can be affordable housing for people who need something downtown, close to work where everything can be easily accessed."

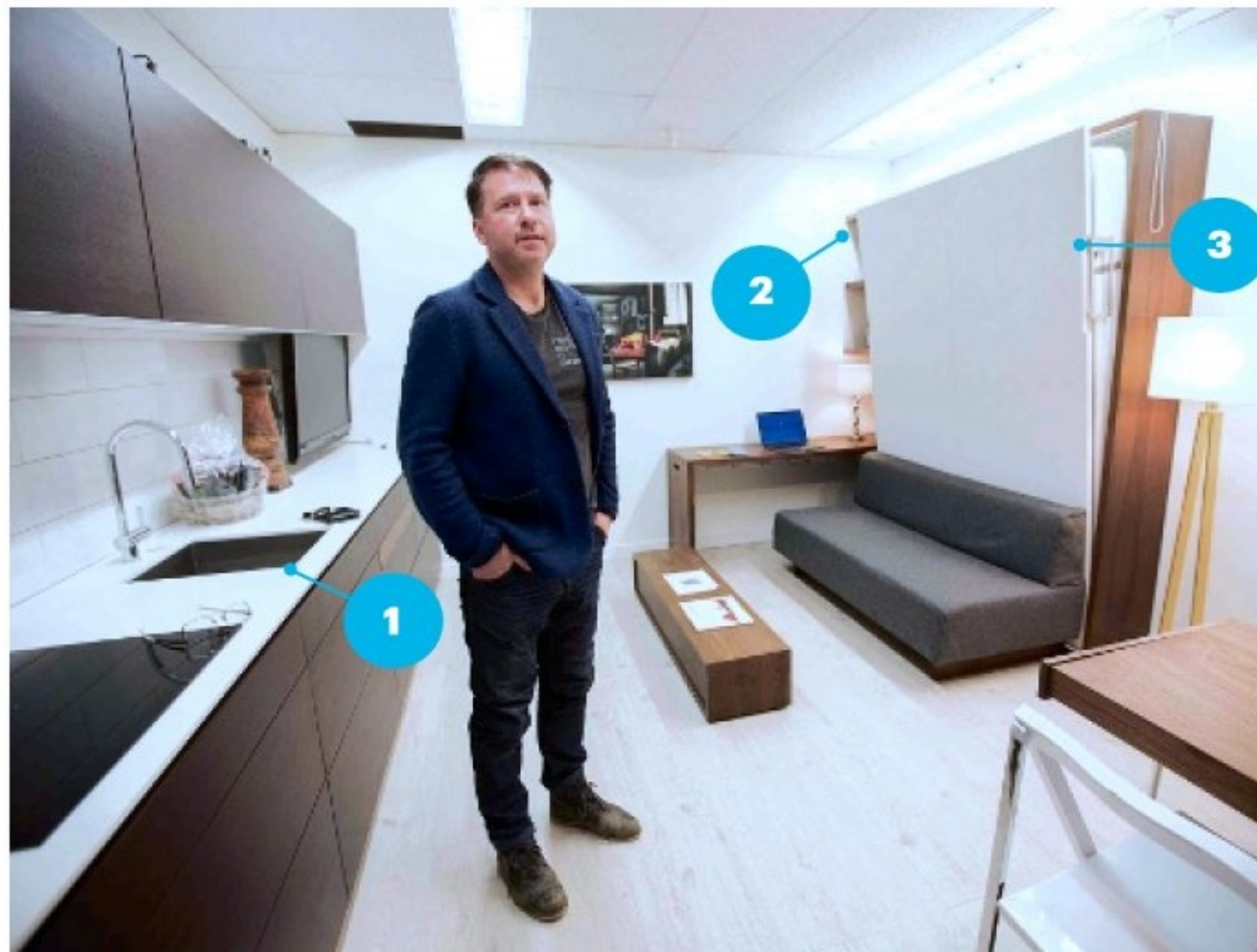
Antoniuk argues Edmonton is at a "tipping point" where we're going to have to start thinking differently about how we live.

"We're seeing our downtown transform, but it's going to get more expensive as property values go up."

And as values rise, only the wealthy will be able to afford to move in, he added.

"There's a whole host of issues about affordability and keeping downtown areas vibrant and diverse," he said. "This could do that."

He built it to study how tiny



Tim Antoniuk is redefining how people can live, showcasing a tiny condo he built in a lab. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

homes can be constructed effectively, he said, and members of the public can also come see it, he said.

Antoniuk estimates the condo could be built in the real market for about \$150,000, and would be more cost-effective for

developers because they can build more units per square foot.

"It's actually cheaper to buy a micro condo than rent an apartment," he said.

The condo features a sliding wall, "telescoping" drawers, a

washroom and a bed that retracts from the wall. If done right, the space feels much larger than it is, Antoniuk said.

"People are always surprised when they come check it out — they always say it feels double the size."

"It's all about making a space feel as beautiful and wonderful as possible."

Antoniuk hopes to build a tiny condo geared for large families in the future to show the mini spaces can function for them, too.

What you need to make a tiny condo work

1 Versatile Kitchen — This isn't your ordinary kitchen. You still get a sink, stove and countertop, but you're also able to pull a TV out from one of the cabinets. This can be easily tucked away when you aren't watching a show, or need to use the kitchen to cook.

2 Multipurpose wall — The wall has a slab of walnut wood embedded in it that can be used as a cutting board, or as a table that seats up to seven. The wall also includes other storage cabinets for clothes, shoes or other possessions you don't want lying around.

3 Wall bed — A tiny condo still means you can sleep on a nice queen-sized bed. The difference, however, is you'll have to stow it away into the wall every day. Once you do that, a foldable couch can be pulled out from underneath the bed.

4 Sliding wall — You can't see it in this photo, but a sliding wall is used to divide the bathroom from the general living space — a necessity when you have to do your business. Sliding walls could also be added in different areas throughout the condo, which would be necessary when you need some alone time.

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Offence awakens as Moose draw level

QMJHL PLAYOFFS

Solid play from puck drop propels Herd to victory



Jonathan Briggs
For Metro | Halifax

Short-term memory came in handy as the Halifax Mooseheads bounced back with more energy and intensity to even up its first-round playoff series.

Halifax jumped out to an early lead and never let go in a 3-1 win over the Rouyn-Noranda Huskies to tie the best-of-seven series 2-2 in front of 5,458 fans at the Scotiabank Centre.

"I mean big win, get back in the series," said 20-year-old defenceman Frédéric Aubé.

"We knew it was going to be hard if we were down 3-1, so that's why this game was important and I think the guys responded well tonight."

Mooseheads head coach André Tourigny said after Game 3 he wanted the team to come out with more emotion and get the power play going after failing to score on 10 chances.

The Herd apparently got the message. Jake Coughler score 1:15 into the game, prompting the Huskies to call a timeout. Halifax kept up the pressure,



Mooseheads centre Nico Hischier lifts the puck past Rouyn-Noranda goalie Olivier Tremblay at Scotiabank Centre on Wednesday. JEFF HARPER/METRO

registering the first seven shots of the game.

The dormant power play was revived when Swiss forward Nico Hischier scored his second playoff goal 20 seconds into Halifax's first power-play chance.

"You saw last night, we couldn't get anything going on the power play. It was frustrating for us. It was something we really focused on today and we wanted to get back to what we've been doing and luckily we put one in," said the veteran Coughler.

Rouyn-Noranda goalie Olivier Tremblay was pulled after Aubé scored an unlikely goal from the back corner behind the net.

"We have to throw more pucks to the net and that's what I tried to do and a lucky bounce, I'll take it," said Aubé, who was named second star.

For the first time in the series, Moose goalie Alex Gravel faced fewer than 40 shots. He finished the night with 32 saves on 33 shots and was named second star.

Rouyn-Noranda outshot Hali-

fax 33-23 and received a goal from winger Alexandre Fortin.

The Mooseheads are in uncharted territory as underdogs. Since the current playoff format was introduced by the QMJHL in 2010-11, a 15th-place team has never won more than one game in a series.

Moose defenceman Jared McIsaac was on the receiving end of a check from behind by Manuel Wiederer and left the game appearing to favour his shoulder. He returned for one shift but is considered day-to-day.

HOCKEY

Granato: U.S. scores for 'women in general'

Cammi Granato's biggest victory in hockey came 12 years after she retired.

When USA Hockey and the women's national team agreed to a contract Tuesday night that ended a wage dispute, Granato couldn't put her happiness into words.

The Hockey Hall of Famer and her teammates staged a similar fight in 2000 without success, and she hopes the current team's progress paves the way for the future of women's hockey and even other sports.

"It's bigger than any victory that we've had in USA Hockey," said Granato, who won the gold medal in 1998 with the U.S. at the first Olympics with women's hockey. "I just think it's such a positive, positive day

for women's hockey, women's sports and women in general."

Granato and lawmakers, lawyers and experts see the team's agreement as a precedent-setter for other hockey teams around the world and other men's and women's athletes in the country.

Members of the U.S. women's hockey team will now make \$3,000-\$4,000 a month with the ability to earn around \$71,000 annually and up to \$129,000 in Olympic years when combined with contributions from the U.S. Olympic Committee.

Now players won't have to work second or third jobs, or retire to start a family because the new contract guarantees that protection along with insurance and other improvements.

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“It sets the stage for a major growth in the game.”
Cammi Granato

IN BRIEF

Westbrook puts up 57 points in latest triple double

Russell Westbrook had 57 points, 13 rebounds and 11 assists to lead the Oklahoma City Thunder to a 114-106 overtime win on Wednesday night.

Westbrook, a leading MVP candidate, led the Thunder from behind by as many as 21 points in the second half as he recorded his 38th triple-double of the season. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Osmond strong in Helsinki

Kaetlyn Osmond of Marystown, N.L., is just three points behind defending champion Evgenia Medvedeva of Russia after the world figure skating championship short program on Wednesday in Helsinki.

Toronto's Gabrielle Daleman sits third as Canada tries to win its first world women's singles since Joannie Rochette won silver in 2009. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Ceri Marsh & Laura Keogh
For Metro Canada

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Ready in 30 minutes

Prep time: 10 minutes
Cook time: 20 minutes
Serves 4

Ingredients

- 1 bunch of fresh organic asparagus, cleaned and ends snapped off
- 1/2 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 cup panko
- 1/2 cup parmesan cheese
- 1/2 cup multi-grain bread crumbs
- 1 tsp ground garlic
- 2 eggs
- salt and pepper
- 1 tsp olive oil

Directions

1. Spray a baking sheet with cooking spray and set aside.

Preheat the oven to 375.
2. Place spelt flour on a plate. In a wide, shallow bowl, whisk the eggs with a fork. Then mix panko, parmesan cheese, bread crumbs and garlic in another wide, shallow bowl. Now you've got your dredging station ready.

3. Taking three or four stalks of asparagus at a time, coat them in flour, then drop them in the egg. Finally, roll them in the panko mixture and place them on the prepared baking sheet, leaving a bit of space between them. Repeat until you've finished the entire bunch of asparagus. Sprinkle with salt and pepper.

4. Pop the baking sheet in the oven and bake for 15 to 20 minutes, or until the breading is golden brown and crisp.

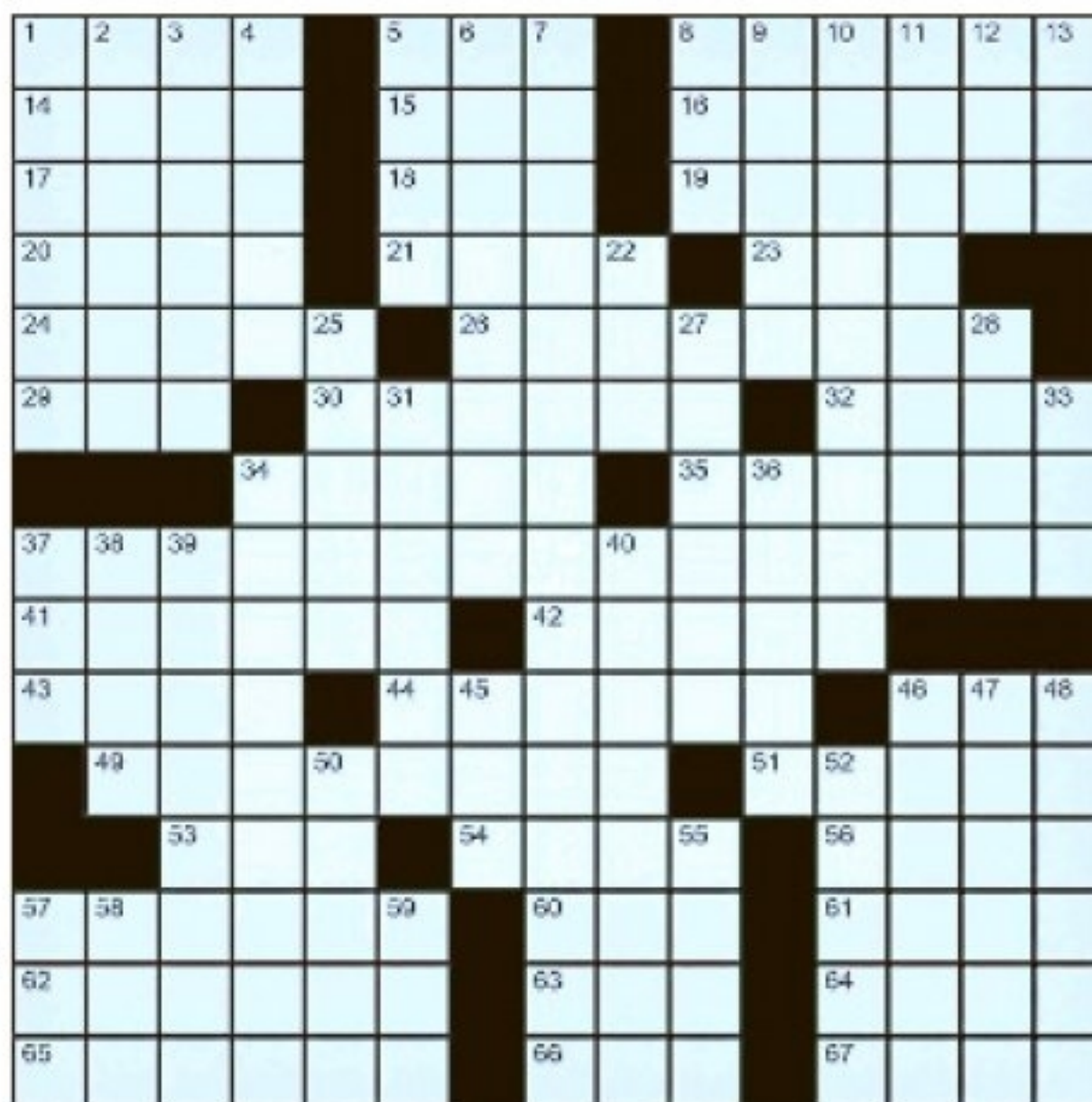
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CROSSWORD Canada Across and Down

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ACROSS

1. Prep the baking flour
5. Movie studio
8. Sophisticated sofa
14. Understood
15. "Give __ chance!" (Come on, please!)
16. Yukon: __ National Park and Reserve
17. __ of Man
18. Eggs packaging [abbr.]
19. Pro dancer of DWTS fame, Louis Van __
20. Donkey/horse
21. "Woe __!" (Boo-hoo!)
23. 'Dial' add-on
24. Nudges
26. Nepean, Ontario born star: 2 wds.
29. Archery wood
30. Alberta Badlands: Pillar-shaped geological formation with a flat top
32. Ark guy
34. Category
35. Policing weapons
37. Michelangelo's David of 1504 and Moses of 1515: 2 wds.
41. Texas city: 2 wds.
42. "End of the Road" by Boyz __
43. Torch the iron
44. Victorian-style overcoat
46. Bread roll variety
49. Step all over
51. Oil __
53. __ degree
54. Have __ (Taste the beverage)
56. Tomato variety
57. 'Orange' tea



- selections
60. Belonging to Knoxville's lil' state
61. Cognizant of the confidentiality: 2 wds.
62. Betters
63. Initials-sharers of Barbra Streisand's first husband

64. Light fog
65. David Bowie's " __ Love"
66. Q-U's middle
67. Stars in scenes

DOWN

1. Hardly habilitated
2. Be a Sun Life Finan-

- cial customer
3. Gent
4. Canadian wife of rocker Gene Simmons, Shannon __
5. Gladiator's 2101
6. Becomes ticked: 2 wds.
7. Nuclear explosion or #51-Across: 2 wds.

8. Music style
9. " __ Gantry" (1960)
10. 2003 romantic comedy starring #26-Across and Diane Lane, "Under the __"
11. Skin pic applier
12. Mariner's dir.
13. Tube-shaped fish
22. Rock produ-

- cer Brian
25. Elvis' 'Old' dog-in-song, and namesakes
27. Serve a sentence: 2 wds.
28. Tortoise's competition
31. What a rock band is when getting a lot of mileage out of a private jet: 2 wds.
33. "Amelia" (2009) actress __her initials-sharers
34. Manitoba community known for its 'Happy Rock' attraction
36. New __ (Avant-garde musicians)
37. Stitch
38. Canadian actor Walter Pidgeon's role in "Mrs. Miniver" (1942)
39. Connected to the satellite
40. Bridal salon appointments
45. Grassland
46. "The __ Woman" (Lindsay Wagner's '70s series)
47. Nearly
48. Garden's greenery
50. " __, Oz Show"
52. Ms. Ballerina
55. "Hey, there..."
57. Cooking spray
58. Comedian Mr. Philips
59. US tax ID

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
You might have thoughts today about how to revolutionize a marriage, partnership or close friendship. Maybe these are ideas percolating in your mind for some time?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Because this is a year where you can get a better job or improve your existing job, you are full of big ideas! Today some of these ideas might come to fruition.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You might take a new approach to dealing with kids, as well as vacations and the time that you take for fun and pleasure. You need to balance work and play!

Cancer June 22 - July 23
This is the year when you can figure out how to get your dream home. Today you might have ideas about how to improve your existing home or get another one. Exciting!

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
You might be surprised by the ideas you have to introduce improvements to your world. It's encouraging. New ideas lead to new results and a new future.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
Many of you see new ways of making money. Many of you also see better ways of taking care of what you already own.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
It's almost as if something is in the air, because you are keen to make improvements for yourself and the world around. This is a healthy attitude!

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Many of you have been more tuned in to your spiritual world than usual. You are aware that what goes on inside affects things that go on outside.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Your relationship with a friend or perhaps a group is changing now. Fortunately, it's changing for the better; and this is a good thing.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
This year you'll make an excellent impression on your world, especially on bosses, parents and VIPs. Today you might have ideas about how to do this.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Travel plans, as well as plans to get further education, are exciting! This week you might consider doing something you never thought you would do before.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
You can improve the arrangements you have about inheritances, wills and shared property. Something will happen this year that benefits you.

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